



June 1988

VIOLETT ASSOCIATION

Dear "Cousins":

As the idiom goes - "Spring has sprung", but....can Summer be near? I do hope that OLD MAN WINTER has not been too tough on anyone!

Information has been received that some "cousins" are already getting raffle table articles ready for the reunion in two years. G R E A T !!! I appreciate your talents and your interest as I am sure that Roger...the next reunion chairman...will also. Thanks from us both. The reunion will be here sooner than we think...1990...SHOULD BE A GOOD YEAR!

I would appreciate all your ideas concerning the use of our newsletter. How could we make it more suited to our needs as a "family"? Could we adopt a section called "Clearing House"? I would like to see more cousins involved, such as corresponding with one another from other parts of the world and enjoying each others interests, hobbies, jobs, etc. Are you a collector of some special item? Need any soup labels for school equipment? Looking for certain patterns for sewing or knitting? Please contact me if you have any ideas. The idea sounds good to me, what do you think?

Here is a poem for all of you, this is a demonstration of my feelings towards "OUR FAMILY".

V - is for value that only you can show
I - brings the interest that means you really care
O - reveals oldness - for the family's longevity
L - is for the learning - you bestow every day
E - brings eagerness for family unity
T - is for the tenderness you affectionately bring
T - brings travelers to the family reunions
E - is for the energy felt through family strength

A safe and happy Summer to all.....

" WE ARE ONE "

Carolyn Violette Corbin
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NEW ARRIVALS

1. Daughter born Dec. 16, 1987 to Colin Violette #854 and Laura Lofthouse Violette #1051 in North Carolina, named Allison Noel. Grandparents are Rodrigue Violette #12 & Helene McKinnon Violette #13 of San Mateo, Calif. Great Grandmother is Ida Doucet Violette #724 of Edmunston, New Brunswick, Canada.
 2. A son on April 17, 1988 to Joseph Murphy #1484 and Laurette Petit Murphy #120 of Hartford, N. Y. named Joseph Thomas. That makes 4 children for the Murphys' and the 20th grandchild for Roger J. Petit #11 and Irene Violette Petit #10 of Hudson Falls, N. Y. Great Grandmother Mrs. Joseph (Albertine) Violette #5 of Lawrence, Mass.
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WEDDING BELLS rang out on February 6, 1988 in Hampton, N. H. for Patrice Violette #1271 of Newburg, N. Y. when she married her Knight in shining armor Dr. Fercell Taylor III. Pat is the daughter of Richard A. Violette #7 and Beatrice McKenzie Violette #8 of Hampton, N. H. and the Grand daughter of Mrs. Joseph (Albertine) Violette #5 of Lawrence, Mass. God Bless you Pat & Fercell, Good Luck and may all your troubles be "Little Ones"!!!!

Amidst all the joys of wedding bells and the sounds of a new born baby there is sadly the sorrow of the passing of some of our loved ones. I have received news of the following deceased;

1. James Lovett #826 husband of Lillian Bolduc Lovett, Rt. 2- Bx 332, York, Maine 03909, James died 3/4/86.
2. Julie Violette #366 of 67 Dube St., Grand Falls, N. Brunswick, deceased 2/2/87.
3. Michael Violette son of John W. Violette #608 and Jean Cormier Violette #609 died as the result of a motorcycle accident on Sept. 3, 1987 just 3 days before his 21st birthday, such a sad and untimely passing.
4. Emilie Violette Cyr #587 wife of Omer Cyr #628 deceased October 20, 1987. address 732 Hunter St., W. Palm Beach, Florida 33405
5. Hugo Violette #79 of 96 Garden St., Fall River, Mass. died at age 73 on 2/29/88, leaving his wife Jean Sabin #80, sons James & John and 2 grandchildren.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the families...God Bless You!

The VIOLETTE GENEALOGY BOOK is still available and may be obtained by writing to Rita Violette Lippe - 32 Louise Ave., Methuen, Mass. 01844. Cost of book is \$34.95 plus \$2.00 shipping.

6. More death notices; Roland Violette of Bloomfield, Ct. on 11/9/87 in Bloomfield. Among his survivors is a sister, Sister Dorothy Violette #725.
7. Laurette Dube Violette #21 wife of Claude Violette #20 died in Biddeford, Maine on Oct. 20, 1987. Also leaves daughters Jacqueline Violette #36, Sharon Violette Beaudoin #22 & Carol Violette Cleri #107. Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers.
8. Claire Violette Danner #126 age 72, 333 Haverhill St. Lawrence, Mass. 01840, deceased March 28, 1988. She leaves a brother Gordon #33 of Crest Hill, Illinois & a sister Aurore Violette Dewhurst #241 of Lawrence, Mass.

A TRIP TO FRANCE!!!!!! Received this letter from Maurice Violette, it is so good that I am enclosing it in its entirety...Please read carefully... he means business!!!!!! thank you Maurice for your interest and hard work for this fantastic anticipated trip.

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December 29, 1987

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Dear Irene:

As suggested at the Reunion in Portland, I have visited France in late September/Oct and made contact with all the Mayors in all the cities of the Southwest (LaRochelle, Rochefort sur Mer, Saintes, Angouleme and Villejesus) and they assured me that if the Violette family should make another visit to the ancestral country in the future, they would be received as well as they were in 1982 if not better. You will recall that trip was devised in heaven for they who went and were received with official receptions in every city. Now the trip is not set in concrete because of many details which need to be worked out. I have already contacted a travel agency to get an estimate of costs for groups of 20 or 50 during a 12 days visit in France in September 1988.

The itinerary would be as follows: Depart Boston on a Saturday evening and arrive Paris Sunday morning. Take the bus at DeGaulle Aeroport Sunday morning bound for LaRochelle arriving there last afternoon. Hotel Ibis on Rue de la Motte. Free sunday evening.

Monday - reception at Hotel de Ville and shopping and sightseeing in LaRochelle also called the "Paris of the South." Hotel Ibis for the evening.

Tuesday - Trip to Rochefort-sur-Mer and reception at Hotel de Ville with Mayor Frot. Sightseeing around the city and return to LaRochelle that evening at Hotel Ibis. Rochefort is the city from which Charles, wife Marie David and Francois departed France for Louisbourg, Isle Royale in May 1749. Charles is buried in this city near the "Signal Tower" which is now used by the Navy and was once the ancient Eglise where Charles' funeral was sung.

St. Louis

Wednesday - On to Saintes with reception with Mayor Baron at Hotel de Ville. Shopping or sightseeng during the p.m. This city was organized in 100 B.C. by the Romans and where Francois was born at Eglise St. Vivien. This has a roman arena and much history. Proceed to Angouleme for stay at Hotel des Trois Piliers

Thursday - Reception at Hotel de Ville with Deputy/Mayor Boucheron. This is a very picturesque hotel de ville in an ancient fortress. Sightseeing in the afternoon Hotel des Trois Piliers.

Friday - Free Day for side trips to Rochefoucault--(ancient citadel), Chasse Neuve a Maquis cemetery from WWII or arrangement could be made to visit a cognac distillery in Cognac or as the group may decide.

Saturday - Trip to Villejesus and reception with Mayor Montussac in the Commune and general sightseeing in the general area...there definitely will be a visit to several wine producing distributors and possibly a meal featuring Charente cooking dating to the days of our ancestors...Meet cousins who will be congregating to welcome the group.

Sunday -- on the road to St. Malo on the Northwest Coast of France and famed during the Second Front invasion of WWII....a hotel selected by the Travel Agency.

Monday -- visit to Mont St. Michel and St. James American cemetery. Mont St. Michel is an island which featured an ancient prison and later expanded to become a grand ~~brick~~ cathedral. This is a wonderful place to buy souvenirs and to taste Madame Poullard's famous omelets. Continue on to Paris and in a hotel selected by the Travel Agency.

Tuesday - Sightseeing in Paris....trip to Versailles....

Wednesday -- Freedom to do your thing in Paris...

Thursday -- return to U.S.

As stated above, nothing is set in concrete and it is quite possible that due to the falling dollar, we may have to postpone the trip until 1989 in September ~~xx~~ as the exchange right now makes the trip on a personal level (souvenirs...restaurant visits...shows...) much too expensive. However, should the price for the trip be acceptable, which will include breakfast and suppers might make a difference...

What is needed right now is for your newsletter to provide this information to the rank and file of the family. Anyone interested in making this trip, either this year (1988) or 1989 to contact me at P.O. Box 934, Augusta, Maine 04330. I will then get in touch with each and everyone who wishes to go and keep them advised and informed concerning any plan that might present itself. There is nothing binding about this and I am very happy and willing to correlate all plans about this. However, when and if the price is right and the travel agency agrees to our terms they will be made available to all who wish to participate and at that time only will they be required to make a decision to go to France.

Since 1979 I have visited France four times and every time the cousins I visited all expressed pleasure at meeting more of their American cousins. Once you meet them I am certain all will take pride in having discovered our roots and having a tie to the past.

Trust you have had a wonderful holiday season and may I extend best wishes for good health, prosperity and joy in the coming year 1988.

Best regards,

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